country through its ports requiring the shipping lines to inform the U.S. customs authority one day in advance about the goods being loaded on ships for the U.S. ports;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the said order is discriminatory for cargo from the Indian sub-continent and also involves delays and extra cost to exporters; and

(c) the steps being taken to take suitable remedial measures to protect the interests of the Indian exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) The US Customs has introduced the 24 hours Advance Manifest Filing Rule with effect from 2nd December, 2002. This rule is applicable to cargo going to USA by sea.

(b) The US Customs 24-hour Advance Manifest Filing Rule is non discriminatory and applies to all countries of the world.

(c) Cases of delay or extra cost due to this rule have not been brought to the notice of the Government. However, India has registered its concerns with USA.

Decision taken on the recommendations of N.K. Singh Committee

2489. DR. AKHILESH DAS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what decisions have since been taken on the recommendations of N.K. Singh Committee to boost foreign direct investment;

(b) what steps have so far been taken in pursuance thereof; and

(c) the foreign direct investment secured in different sectors of economy during the first three quarters of the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CH ENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Steering Committee on Foreign Direct Investment

set up by the Planning Commission in the context of the Tenth Five Year Plan has submitted its report in September, 2002. The Committee has made a wide range of recommendations, which include enactment of FDI law, raising/removal of FDI caps, expansion of automatic route, removal of entry and exit restrictions, strengthening of investment promotion mechanism, fixing of FDI targets, etc. The Report is under consideration of GoM on FDI.

(c) Rs. 10336.66 crore of FDI was received into the country during the first three quarters of the current financial year 2002-03. The sector-wise details of the FDI inflows during the referred period is as under:

Sl. No.	Sector	April to December 2002 (Amount Rs. in Crore)
1.	Electricals Equipment (incl s/w and Elec.)	2,685.62
2.	Transportation Industry	1,949.01
3.	Services Sector	1246.50
4.	Telecommunications	764.85
5.	Chemicals (other than Fertilizers)	410.21
6.	Fuels (Power and Oil Refinery)	246.84
7.	Textiles (incl. died, printed)	215.58
8.	Glass	214.90
9.	Trading	178.06
10.	Drugs and Pharmaceuticals	173.81
11.	Miscellaneous and other sectors	2251.28
	TOTAL	10,336.66

Note: The figures do not take into account the amount of FDI inflows for ADRs/GDRs/FCCBs, RBIs-NRI Schemes, stock swapped and advance pending for allotment of shares, as these are not categorised sector-wise.